



Focus on Applications for Public Participation Grants Available

from Ecology's Solid Waste & Financial Assistance Program

Application Period Opens September 1, 2004

Starting Wednesday, September 1, 2004, the Washington Department of Ecology will accept applications for the 2005-07 biennial-funding cycle. The application period closes Monday, November 1, 2004.

Not-for-profit-interest organizations and groups of three or more unrelated individuals can qualify for a grant.

Based upon current revenue forecasts, an estimated total of \$900,000 may be available for new grants. Grants can range from \$1,000 to \$60,000 per fiscal year or up to \$120,000 per biennium. Businesses and government agencies, Indian tribes and universities do not qualify.

Grants Fund Public Involvement

The grants make it easier for people to be involved in two types of waste issues:

- Cleanup of hazardous-waste sites.
- Carrying out the state's solid- and hazardous-waste management priorities (the main focus is reducing the amount of waste created).

Ecology's highest interest is in projects that prevent pollution and produce measurable benefits to the environment.

Not-for-profit groups that are encouraged to apply include environmental coalitions, community clubs, neighborhood associations, environmental-education groups, business and trade associations, labor or worker-health/safety organizations, citizens who live in the path of potential contamination from hazardous-waste cleanup sites, ethnic or minority societies, outdoor enthusiasts, professional or fraternal societies and service clubs.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received by close of business, Monday, November 1, 2004. This means the application must be in the Solid Waste and Financial Assistance office in the Department of Ecology's Headquarters building by 5 p.m. The Headquarters building is at 300 Desmond Drive in Lacey. Postmarks do not qualify. Call 360-407-6095 for directions to the building.

**Your application must be at Ecology
by 5 p.m., Monday, November 1, 2004**

How to Apply

If your group has a project that might be eligible, you can download an application packet from our Web site at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0407013.html> or you can request an application packet from:

Department of Ecology
Solid Waste and Financial Assistance
P. O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600
Telephone: 1-800-RECYCLE

For More Information

If you have questions or would like further information about the grant program, call:
1-800-RECYCLE.